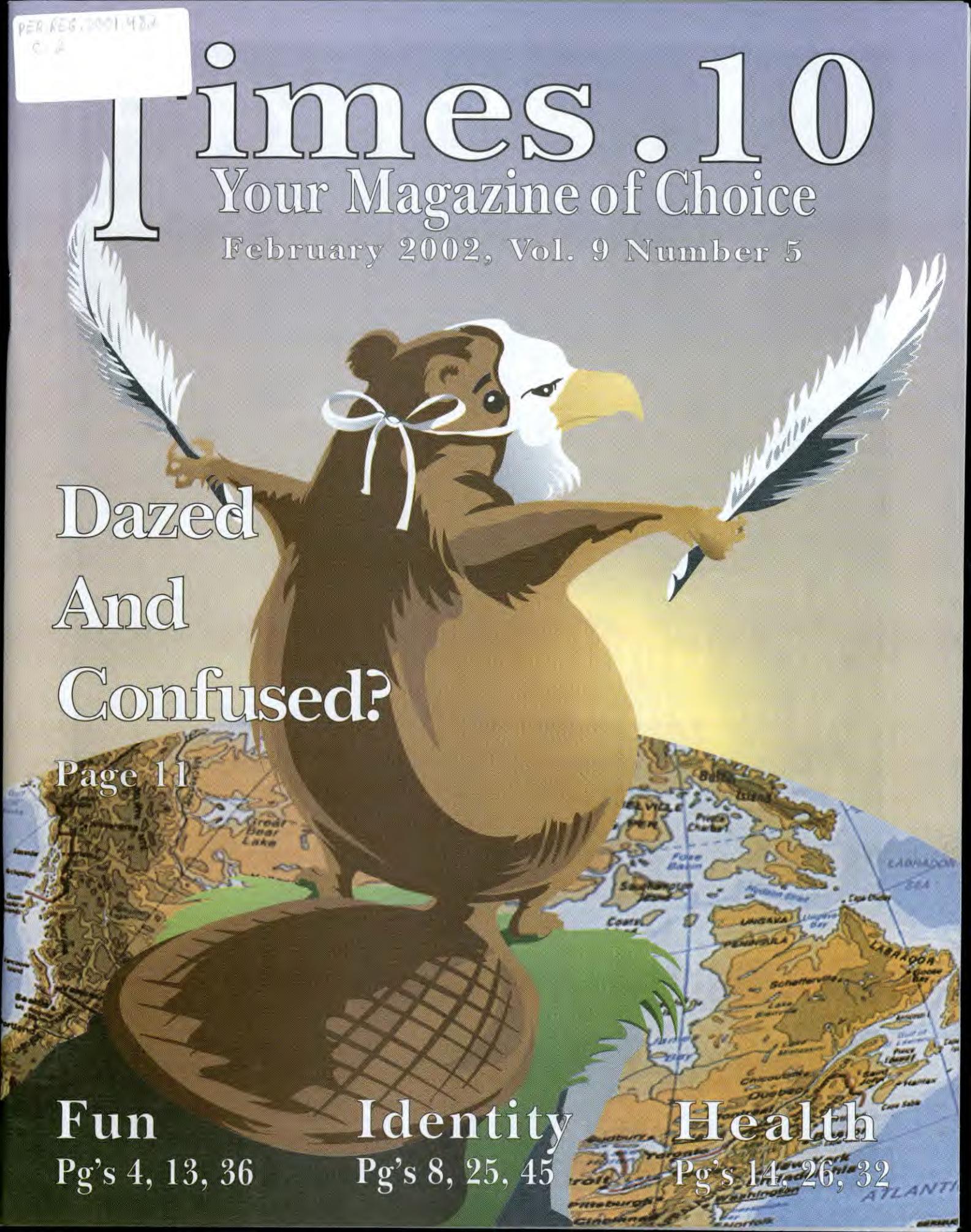


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# Bounce Baby, Bounce!

There is something that happens when the year changes by that one number at the beginning of January. All of a sudden, Ball Rush seems to be on. It's only a day later into the court year, but suddenly, Coronation seems so close. And so it has begun

- I won't give you any details yet, basically because they're not all finalized. I will say this though: bounce baby, bounce!



It's been an eventful 2002 for us already. We've had 8 or 9 shows and events so far this month and February is shaping up to be even busier. In January, the events ranged from Wingo Wednesdays to Comedy Bowls to the Mz. Drag Queen Edmonton Pageant, a night of glamour and fun that just recently happened so I can't say who won (writing this in advance as I am).

In February, we've got game shows planned, Valentine's shows, and a couple of production shows underway. And our focus is also always looking ahead - to Vancouver's Coronation in March, to Calgary's in April, Hamilton's in May, and Winnipeg's in July. These are our chances to do a bang-up job of representing Edmonton abroad,

so that when August rolls around, our city will be filled with out-of-towners come to party in the Big Onion with the wildest party children in Canada.

We've also seen some changes in some of our big annual events. The Entertainer of the Year show, usually in June/July, is now at the end of March. This is the chance for the whole city to decide who they feel was the best entertainer of the past year - stay tuned for details. Our big spring event, the Gay Edmonton Pageant, has been delayed till June, to explode in a fiery burst of Pride rainbows - stay tuned for details on that as well.

Our March column will, I'm sure, fill you in on some of those details, but if you're absolutely dying of curiosity, you can always come to our monthly general meetings to find out in advance. (And, of course, you can always log on to <http://www.geocities.com/wildrosecourt> to get the latest in upcoming events - our webmaster, Dowager Emperor Ron, likes new visitors).

This was a short article, I admit, not because of a lack of things going on, just about so many things going on who has time to tell it all? But Ida and myself, and Bobby and Ladonna, are out and about quite often. Come up, say hi, and ask what's happening. We like meeting new people, or re-meeting old friends, and we can always find time to sit a spell and have a little chat. After all, that's one of the reasons we're here. For you.

Rob Bigonion  
Emperor XXVI

## Members of the Pride Week Committee....



Pictures viewable at [www.times10.org](http://www.times10.org) in the Archives Section

Edmonton 2002 Pride Week Committee Meeting.  
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We request a representative from each group, business or organization in our community as well as individuals for the success of *2002 Edmonton Gay Pride Week* to please attend this meeting.

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17 Twiggy & Kitten Every Sunday Betty Ford Clinic.... Show	18 Madonna's Tribute to Madonna Show & Beer Bash	19 <sup>th</sup> Stripper Night	20 Get Naked With DJ Squiggle's! Amateur Strip	21 Hot Butt Thursdays \$150 Cash Prizes	22 Illusions Thursdays \$2.00 Highballs	23 Olympic Fever Winterfest \$2.00 Dress Up!! Best Costume Prizes 10-11
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# Bob Mills Recognized

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Bob's involvement with many HIV/AIDS organizations is well known in the Edmonton community and he represents Alberta on many National and even International fronts. Bob

is Prairie Regional Director on the Global Network of People Living



represents CTAC on a new national organization, CCORA, formed to press for increased Federal funding for HIV and AIDS. HIV Edmonton is proud to have nominated Bob for this award and grateful to have his expertise and dedication on our Board of Directors.

(Bob Mills pictured receiving an International Year of the Volunteer Medal of Merit, from the Honourable Anne

McLellan)

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with HIV as well as a board member and Alberta Representative on CTAC (Canadian Treatment Advocates Council). He also

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## Kairos House

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1997	September	\$1254.75	Christmas decorations, lights, bedding, pillows, paint in the basement
1998	May	\$1282.75	Assisted with funding of a position
1998	September	\$1420.00	A stackable washer and dryer
1998	December		Three large food hampers were brought to house
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2000	April	\$2000.00	TV, Barbeque and Air Hockey game were purchased for the residents
2000	September	\$3000.00	Laminate Flooring
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## Family Law Legislation

**By Laurie Blakeman  
Liberal MLA**

So your New Year's resolutions have already fallen by the wayside (or you didn't make them to begin with!). But, there is one New Year's resolution you can keep - and that's your resolution to have a say in ongoing legal consultations that will have a real impact on your life. I'm talking about the consultations that are going on now regarding family law reform. This is your one chance provide your input on legislation that could have a long-term influence on your future and I guarantee — participating in family law reform is far easier than riding an exercise bike or eating a boring salad!

Just to provide you with some backgrounder on what is at issue here, the Alberta Justice Department announced that it was interested in consulting with stakeholders to provide input on changes to family law legislation. In other

words, this government is asking you to help decide, among other things, how the province will recognize same sex relationships. It's also looking for input on spousal support, child custody and how to best serve the "interests of the child". This is your opportunity to be this province's expert and let them know what you think will work.

How do you do that? First, get a copy of the workbook. It's available on line at [www.gov.ab.ca/just/initiate/initiate.htm](http://www.gov.ab.ca/just/initiate/initiate.htm) and then click on Family Law Reform. Or you can e-mail your request to [familylaw.reform@gov.ab.ca](mailto:familylaw.reform@gov.ab.ca). You can also call your MLA and have him or her mail you out a copy. For those of you with Tory MLAs - make them do the work and provide you with a copy. Then, once you've received your workbook take the time to read it and go through the questions carefully. Have your friends over and do it as a community! While it may seem like a lot of work at first glance, it could prove to be an enriching experience. (If you have questions, phone John Booth 427-1064, he helped write the workbook and he should be able to answer questions for you.). Finally, and this is probably the most important step - share your responses with the government. Submit your online workbook or mail in the printed workbook. You can also send your ideas to the Office of Family Law Reform, Alberta Justice, 4th Floor, Bowker Building, 9833 109 Street, Edmonton, T5K 2E8. You have until February 28, 2002 - so don't delay.

This is a great chance for you

to provide feedback to the Klein government and it's also an opportunity to hold the government accountable. And speaking of accountable, drop me an email ([blakeman@oanet.com](mailto:blakeman@oanet.com)) or leave a phone message (414-0743) to let me know that you have done the workbook. That way I'll have some idea of how many GLBT folks did the workbook or sent a letter.

And check out the Liberals new discussion paper on healthcare, Making Medicare Better. It is available on-line at [www.alatliberals.ab.ca](http://www.alatliberals.ab.ca) or call the caucus office to get a printed copy mailed out (427-2292). This is a good paper, very common sense and calm in looking at what we can do to make Medicare better rather than just trash it and hand it over to the private

sector like some folks would like to do.

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# Commentary

**By Dennis Cambly  
Managing Editor**



## Dazed and Confused in Alberta

I know you are waiting for me to talk about Stockwell Day and his attempt to run yet again for top office. Well, this is all I can say about that right now.

"Stockwell, please get down off the cross, we need the wood!"

I thought I might turn up the trance music for this commentary since my mind is so full of things that my mind may be cleared.

I figure the most outstanding award for stupidity ought to go to the current government in office in our Province. Since taxation seems to be the only way they can justify their

enormous ignorance, and lack of fiscal responsibility, in the history of Canada. Why is it that the leading cause of death, injury, broken relationships, lost homes, lost families, broken children, male and female family abuse and beatings was not taxed? The list is far too long to place in one column, as most people know, but few will admit. Alcohol was left off the list of items that fall under "Health and Wellness" in Alberta. Is this a favourite of our top dog in the province, or is it just that they do not have the guts to admit that alcohol is a problem? Why did these "wise men" running the province not place a one dollar a bottle tax on beer and a ten dollar a bottle tax on liquor? When did smokers of a legal product become the only ones being taxed? A very wise man once said that alcohol is cunning and baffling, and was he right! A Premier who publicly admits that he may abuse alcohol from time to time conveniently leaves the product off the hit list of the most evil substance available to people. You can chalk that up to one bottle of "broken promises" and the shattered dreams of millions. It is tough to remember friends whose lives were snuffed out by drunken drivers who got a five-hundred dollar fines for killing them in cold blood. Go ahead, have one for the road, as it will certainly assist

in the "Health and Wellness" in Klein's Alberta.

All the billions of dollars have been thrown up in the waste pile and now the public is once again blamed for the problem. How many more people living on low-income wages will be able to take another 20% plus hit on their health premiums. It's okay, Ralph. You and your members in office need not worry; you can afford to travel to the United States for health problems. You can just send us the bill, or better yet, just take it from us. Since I moved to Alberta, I have watched the waste of resource income by a "Conservative" government. I do remember watching one of our past Mayors so drunk that he fell flat on his face while boasting of the great job he was doing. Ralph, you are not alone, as you have a group on Edmonton City Council who are doing exactly the same thing you are doing. If any of you could see that there is only one taxpayer attempting to earn a living, and stay in survival mode, things might change. Those in the know are well aware that drunks are unable to change and must watch in horror as you misguided people make decisions on our lives. Perhaps you might take a lead from British Columbia and rid us of at

least 30% of the "dead weight" at all levels of government. I can see a number of socialists on City Council shrug in terror at the very thought of such an act. They would rather be spending a billion dollars on another subway that goes nowhere. Oh, wait a minute, we might appear on 60 Minutes again!

What British Columbia did was make a tough decision of which you are apparently totally incapable. I am talking about the real dead weight, not the draconian cuts made to doctors, nurses and teachers that we were told was going to fix everything. I know that it runs against the grain of the Edmonton City Council and the Provincial government to place incentives for small business, but I can assure you that taxing them out of existence is not the answer.

It is hard to believe that our city councilors and provincial government has turned Alberta into a welfare state in such a short time. Collectively, they have spent so much money that they have emptied the bank account. We need to feed them more money. This is no longer capitalism that builds energy in people by allowing dreams and job creation along with financial freedoms. It is that ugly head of socialism where everyone in the courtyard gets satisfaction from feeding the giant pig that is so lazy it can no longer can walk.



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# A View from the Top

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I have written extensively on the serious side of leather and, after rereading most of my articles, I wonder myself why I got involved with the leather SM kink community. The simple answer is that it is fun.

It's fun to dress differently. It's fun to play with abandonment. It's fun to learn new things. It's fun to meet new people. It's fun to discover that there are really no limits to what you think you can do. It's fun to journey with your

partner to a new place. It's fun to be part of a group that knows the rules and thinks very much like you. Plain and simple.... It's fun!!!



There is a very good reason most of our liaisons are called play sessions. Frankly, it's one of the few times I can indulge myself and rediscover the fun

of playing. In other words, I can act like a child and getaway with it. Of course, I am a responsible child while I am playing, but a child none the less.

I find it interesting that most of us are so caught up in day to day responsibilities that we forget to nurture ourselves by simply relaxing and playing. I suppose you could call it a small holiday. I know that after a play session my partner and myself are usually quite energized. And in this day of political correctness where rules seem to matter more than what is said, isn't it nice to know that you can leave most of that behind and concentrate on what is really important.... people.

Speaking of people, Northern Chaps will host Black Ice XVIII (yes we are barely legal) at

Woody's Lounge which is above Buddys Nightclub (door is at the back). The posters have appeared around town and the information is also posted at our website [Http://142.179.213.227/northernchaps](http://142.179.213.227/northernchaps).

The date for the venue is February 16 and the event starts at 9 P.M. Tickets are available at Conrad's Sugar Bowl/Illusions Computer Services, and also at our usual bar night from any executive member on the first and third Saturday of each month at Buddys Nightclub. Tickets are \$10 each and entry is free if you have a valid 2002 Northern Chaps membership. Please come out if only to say goodbye to myself and Marsha Black as we are both stepping down from executive position. The evening promises to be our usual combination of fun and intrigue. See you there.

Yours in Leather  
Sir Scott

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# "I care.... Do you?"

An ongoing series of articles examining gay/bisexual and men who have sex with men health issues and their impact on HIV transmission

## HIV Edmonton

As in 2000, the focus of 2001's campaign for AIDS Awareness Week and World Aids Day as set out by UNAIDS and the World Health Organizations and adopted by the Canadian AIDS Society was Men and HIV. The theme or slogan was "I care...Do You?". The recognition that men drive HIV, that is, men are the most common denominator in the risk of transmission of HIV, signifies for HIV Edmonton the need to renew the message to men on their role in the ongoing fight against this virus.

Within the context of population health and to emphasize the message behind the "I care...Do you?" campaign, this and the next couple of articles will attempt to identify the broader issues in the lives of gay/bisexual men and men who have sex with men and how they impact on decisions that may put these men at risk of transmission of HIV, STDs and a variety of Hepatitis strains. In September, in this space, the focus was on the 32 recommendations by the National Reference Group on Gay Men's Health in their document "Valuing Gay Men's Lives: Reinvigorating HIV prevention in the context of

our health and wellness." The companion document "Framing Gay Men's Health in a Population Health Discourse", set out to, among other things, "outline various "determinants of health" as they relate specifically to gay men, particularly in Canada"<sup>1</sup>.

While HIV/AIDS is no longer the center of the gay male community nor the community the center of focus in HIV prevention, the gay, bisexual male community is poised to suffer another crisis in infection and now, re-infection from HIV and new, mutant strains. Gay men mourn the absence of total sexual expression and want their sexuality back.

To be effective in our efforts to promote an atmosphere of self-health and wellness among gay/bisexual and MSM, we have to go to where these men "are at" not to where we would like men to be. ASOs are compelled to look at the determinants or influences in men's lives, their whole lives, that impact on their decision-making and their individual behaviours.

The context of individual behaviours has as a layer in a multi-layered structure, the idea of harm, and its reduction, as a context for interpreting and situating risk behaviour<sup>2</sup>. It is in this context that we assert that high-risk behaviours such as unprotected anal sex are not necessarily all that risky in all instances. Within the context of relationships and trust and mediation or negotiation of sexual activity there are instances in which men can choose to express

their sexuality fully without risk of transmitting disease.

The Determinants of Health for gay/bisexual/MSM men. We can draw a natural parallel between the Determinants of Health (listed below) and the Determinant of HIV. In a population health context, it is important to understand that lifestyle choices and circumstances that fall within the parameters of specific conditions experienced in every day living.

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Education  
Employment and Working Conditions  
Social and Physical Environments  
Personal Health Practices, Coping Skills and Capacities for their use

Healthy Child/Adolescent Development  
Health Services  
Gender  
Culture  
Biological and Genetic Endowment  
Substance use and addiction

In the next series of articles, we will examine the Determinants of Health for gay men, their parallel to the Determinants of HIV and how they impact the wellness of gay men in Edmonton and Alberta.

(Endnotes)

<sup>1</sup> **Framing Gay Men's Lives in a Population Health Discourse**, National Reference Group on Gay Men's Health, *Health Canada*, 2001

<sup>2</sup> **Framing Gay Men's Lives in a Population Health Discourse**, National Reference Group on Gay Men's Health, *Health Canada*, 2001

**Notice**  
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## Alcoholics Anonymous

AA is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Call 424-5900 for times and places of Gay and Lesbian meetings.

## Arctic Front Runners

We are a group of gay and lesbian runners that meet on Sunday mornings for a run on the river valley trail system. We are a recreational group and runners of all speeds are welcome. The length of our runs varies from about 7 to 10 km. We yak, laugh, and socialize during the runs and often go for brunch together afterward. During the spring,

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## AXIOS - Edmonton

AXIOS is an international organization of Eastern Orthodox and Eastern-Rite Catholic Gay and Lesbian Christians. Our mandate is to promote a greater understanding of human sexuality and spirituality within the Eastern Christian tradition. The AXIOS monthly newsletter is available via the Internet.

## Badminton League

The badminton league is designed for men and women of all ages and experience. Players who are interested can participate in Calgary's Western Cup Tournament during the Easter Long Weekend. For further information, please contact Bruce at 453-1244 (email: [cwbyteddy@powersurfr.com](mailto:cwbyteddy@powersurfr.com)) or Dennis at 471-4409.

## The B.E.A.R.S of Edmonton

A group for hairy men and their admirers meet the first and third Saturday of each month 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Buddys Night Club. Or write us at #47, 10024-82nd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 1Z3.

## Brethren Mennonite Council

For Gay, Lesbian and

Bisexual concerns. This is a support community for gay, lesbian and bisexual Mennonites and friends. Contact Tim at 434-5360 or Heather at 987-4974. email address [jonrach@msn.com](mailto:jonrach@msn.com)

## Dignity Edmonton

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## Classics

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## Edmonton PFLAG/T

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## Edmonton Prime Timers

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## Equal=Alberta [Edmonton]

Equal=Alberta [Edmonton] is a group of concerned citizens working to ensure gay and lesbian Albertans remain protected under Alberta's Human Rights Legislation and to ensure equal treatment for all Albertans. Call: (780) 488-3234 Fax (780) 482-2855. By Email: [equalalberta@hotmail.com](mailto:equalalberta@hotmail.com)

## HIV Network of Edmonton Society (HIV Edmonton)

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For more information on the activities of HIV Edmonton, please call (780) 488-5742 or contact us by email at [mail@hivedmonton.com](mailto:mail@hivedmonton.com). Visit our Website at HIV Edmonton <http://www.hivedmonton.com/freetobe/>

## Gay Men's Wednesday Coffee Evenings.

At 7:30 p.m. Cafe on Whyte at 10159 - 82 Avenue. This group fosters a safe, comfortable environment for all its participants. At the same time, it discourages attendance solely for sexual relations. E-mail Jared at [rainbowboy2000@hotmail.com](mailto:rainbowboy2000@hotmail.com)

## Gay Men's Outreach Crew (GMOC)

GMOC is a peer education initiative for gay/bisexual men that works toward: preventing the spread of HIV among men who have sex with men, advocating for healthy lifestyle choices, and addressing social and health

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## Illusions Social Club

We are a non-denominational evangelical Christian church. One of our primary goals is to provide a safe and affirming environment for all who desire to worship God.

Lambda Community Church, 11148-84 Avenue (Garneau United Place) Edmonton, AB, T5J 2J6. Phone: 424-2685 to talk to someone person to person.

## Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose

The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations,

which provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held at 8 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at the Garage. Our e-mail is:

[wildrosecourt@yahoo.com](mailto:wildrosecourt@yahoo.com). Visit our Website is at: Wild Rose Court <http://www.geocities.com/wildrosecourt/>

## ICARE Interfaith Centre for AIDS/HIV Resources & Education

Formerly Interfaith Association on AIDS, the purpose of Interfaith Centre is to enhance well-being by offering resources and opportunities for education to service providers and communities. This will lead to an increased understanding of the spiritual and psychosocial needs of those affected by HIV & AIDS. You can contact us at 780-448-1768 or by e-mail at [icarealberta@aol.com](mailto:icarealberta@aol.com)

## Lambda Christian Community Church

A social club for Cross-dressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. We hold two socials each month, one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday.

For more information, write to Illusions Social Club, Box 356, Main Post Office, Edmonton, AB, T6G 0V8. Call 474-0753. Weekly Sunday service at 7 p.m. e-mail at [Lambdachurch@aol.com](mailto:Lambdachurch@aol.com)

## Liatris Society

An informal social group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, Transgendered and straight

people who enjoy gardening and outdoor nature activities. For information, contact [liatrisociety@hotmail.com](mailto:liatrisociety@hotmail.com) or John at 434-5817.

## Liaison Committee, The

In June of 1993, Edmonton Police Service and the Gay and Lesbian community met for a liaison to promote an atmosphere of understanding and mutual respect. For more info, call Edmonton Police Service at 423-4567 or contact the committee at 421-2277

## Living Positive

Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counselling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768 or e-mail: [livepos@telusplanet.net](mailto:livepos@telusplanet.net).

## Long Yang Club Edmonton Chapter (Group events pending)

## Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton

We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship, sharing, and friendship. We offer

individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions. Call 426-0905, or write P.O. Box 11095, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3K4 e-mail: [lylemillang@powersurfr.com](mailto:lylemillang@powersurfr.com)

#### Making Waves Swim Club (MWSC)

Open to all who are interested in lane swimming in a Masters GLBT club, we provide coaching to all levels of swimmers - those wishing to learn, those wishing to improve stroke technique and those wishing to train competitively. Drop in opportunity gives you flexibility to match your schedule. We swim at Bonnie Doon Leisure Centre, 8648 - 81 Street, Edmonton from September to June. Our members enjoy numerous social events arranged by the club. Please feel free to contact us to find out more information: Contact us at: 1. WebPages: [http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves\\_edm/home.htm](http://www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm/home.htm). 2. E-mail: [makingwaves\\_edm@yahoo.com](mailto:makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com) 3. Phone: Warren 780-718-7598. 4. Attend a practice - your first swim is free!

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#### NLA Edmonton

The National Leather Association is the largest and most active pansexual organization in the world. It serves the Leather, SM, Fetish communities. We are an all inclusive organization

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#### Northern Chaps

Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and women was established sixteen years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern Chaps meets at Buddy's Nite Club the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. E-mail us at: [Northernchaps@telusplanet.net](mailto:Northernchaps@telusplanet.net)

#### Northern Lights Square Dance Club

We are part of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs. Everyone is invited to participate in this non-discriminatory, supportive, fun and stimulating square dance club. Singles and couples are welcome. No special clothing is needed. Comfortable shoes are recommended. We meet every Wednesday, starting September 12, at 7:00P.M., St. Kevin school, 10005-84St., Edmonton. For more information contact Denis at 780-922-4355. E-mail us at: [bflorapro@aol.com](mailto:bflorapro@aol.com)

#### Northern Titans

Northern Titans International Bowling League meets every Wednesday and Saturday, September to April, at Gateway Bowling Centre. The

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#### O2 Curling

We meet on Fridays 6:30 OR 9:00 p.m. at the Ottewell Curling Club. All skill levels, singles or teams are welcome. Call 479-0211 or E-mail us at: [1deeka@hotmail.com](mailto:1deeka@hotmail.com)

Open Door Club Grant MacEwan College group. Anyone is welcome, including students, college employees, people from the area, prospective students, alumni or people who are interested in meeting other people. Our WebPages are at: <http://www.geocities.com/opendoorclub/> or E-mail us at: [opendoorclub@hotmail.com](mailto:opendoorclub@hotmail.com)

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activities of this group will be member focused and member initiated. Individuals at all skill levels are welcome to participate. For information, please contact us at 780-430-0759 or e-mail:

[glb\\_outdoors@hotmail.com](mailto:glb_outdoors@hotmail.com) or visit our WebPages at [http://www.ee.ualberta.ca/~bdick/glb\\_outdoors](http://www.ee.ualberta.ca/~bdick/glb_outdoors)

#### OUTreach

OUTreach is a university-based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at the second cup on campus. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by e-mail: [outreach@ualberta.ca](mailto:outreach@ualberta.ca). They also have a WebPages at OUTreach U of A <http://www.ualberta.ca/~outreach>

#### Team Edmonton

Team Edmonton - Gay Games Association is set up to provide an opportunity for persons interested in participating in the Gay Games through fund raising. If you would like to be involved with Team Edmonton, call Johann at 437-0687.

#### Yours Mine Ours and Us

Parenting support group for glbt parents, partners. Meets the first and third Wed. of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. Small donations for room costs. Issues of parenting, sharing skills, coming out to kids, discipline etc. Call Liz at 415-5434 or Garry at 426-6311 for more information. This is peer

support, not a therapy group, nor a dating service. WebPages at: Yours Mine Ours Us [http://www.geocities.com/ymou\\_1999/](http://www.geocities.com/ymou_1999/)

#### Womyn's Volleyball League

Youth Understanding Youth We meet every Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the gay and lesbian Centre of Edmonton, Suite 103, 10612-124 Street. A social support group for anyone under the age of 25 years. For more information, or to give your input, e-mail: [yuyedm@hotmail.com](mailto:yuyedm@hotmail.com). Our WebPages are at Youth Understanding Youth <http://www.virtue.nu/yuy/>

#### Visions - Unitarian Church of Edmonton

We are an open, liberal religious community that value diversity and celebrate our Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered members. With us, you are encouraged with open mind and heart to form your own set of personal beliefs. Sunday services at 9:30am and 11:15am. 12530 - 110 Avenue Ph. 454-8073. For more information, call Mike at 482-6582.

#### Volleyball Recreation League

We meet every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at McCauley Elementary-Jr. High School, 9538-107 Avenue. Updates available at: <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/aschust/vball/crec.htm>

#### Volleyball Intermediate League

We meet every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at

Londonderry Jr. High School, 7104-144 Avenue. Updates available at: Volleyball Intermediate

#### Womonspace

Free-To-Be Volleyball Association has initiated a womyn's only league for the first time this year. The season runs until May 28 and new members are welcome at any point. A drop-in fee of \$5 or a registration fee of \$35 is in effect. Monday nights 7 - 9 p.m. at Highlands Jr. High School (11509 - 62 St. - please use entrance off parking lot. For more information, please contact: Pam at 459-9370 [p\\_mcewin@hotmail.com](mailto:p_mcewin@hotmail.com) or Jenn at 424-5100 [grnwolf@hotmail.com](mailto:grnwolf@hotmail.com)

#### Womonspace

We are a social and recreational society for lesbians in Edmonton. We hold monthly dances and other activities. Look for our monthly newsletter around town, or phone 482-1794. Visit our WebPages at Womonspace <http://www.gaycanada.com/womonspace/>

#### Writers Club (Group events pending)

#### Regional Organizations

AIDS Yellowknife Website: AIDS Yellowknife <http://www.ssimicro.com/aids/>

#### Freedom Fort McMurray

A social Support group for Gays/Lesbian/Bisexual &

Transgendered Persons and their friends. For information on upcoming events and inquiring into membership, please call our Freedom line (780) 799-GAY1 (4291). To speak directly with a welcoming committee member, call between 3-6pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. You may mail us at Freedom Fort McMurray c/o Money Mart Suite #1, 9713 Harding St. Fort McMurray, AB T9H 1L2.

Out North Box 2827, Yellowknife, NT., X1A 2R2, Phone line: 867-669-7279. WebPages: <http://www.yellowknife.com/ptartan/outnorth.htm> E-mail: [out\\_north99@hotmail.com](mailto:out_north99@hotmail.com)

Your group can be listed here as a community service of Times .10. Please try to keep your listing updated. This is not the place to make announcements of upcoming events, just general information and a contact. E-mail your listing to [groups@times10.org](mailto:groups@times10.org)

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# The Hunt against Homosexuals Continues

At least eight more men have been arrested in Egypt on suspicion of homosexual behavior, in what the press called a crackdown on a "network of perverts." The

arrests, following on last year's trial of 52 men for homosexuality, suggest a steadily growing pattern of persecution. At the same time the trial of four men arrested for homosexuality on November 10, 2001 opened today in Cairo and was postponed until next week.

"Enough is enough! The government of Egypt must stop these arrests now," declared Scott Long, Program Director of the

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. "Too many people are sitting in jail whose only crime is to be suspected of homosexuality. Homosexuality is not perverse, the behavior of the Egyptian government is."

The independent newspaper Al-Wafd reported on January 20 that eight men were arrested for the "practice of debauchery" in Damanhour,

Beheira, southwest of Alexandria.

Police confiscated "an address book containing the names and addresses of a large number of perverts," the newspaper said, raising fears of further arrests. "With these arrests and the fear of more to come, the Egyptian authorities are terrorizing their own population," added Mr. Long.

The newspaper article was headlined, "Major Network of Perverts Arrested in Al-Beheira: Social Security employee used his home as a lair for the practice of debauchery." The report said that "A group of investigators stormed the apartment, and the eight defendants were caught in debauched positions during a party for group perversions. They were wearing nightgowns and makeup."

The civil servant who owned the apartment was arrested along with all others present. The prisoners reportedly included an upholsterer (52 years old), a shoe-shiner (52 years old), a factory employee (37 years old), a mechanic (32 years old), and a carter (19 years old). All are being held for four days—presumably until January

23—"pending investigations." Damanhour prosecutor Yaseen Zaghloul ordered that the men be subjected to medical examinations of their genitals and anuses.

In related news, the trial of four men arrested for homosexuality on November 10, 2001, in the Boulak suburb of Cairo, opened today, but was postponed for a week because the jail had neglected to send the prisoners to court. The judge

opened the proceedings by demanding of the bailiff, "Where are the khawalat [a demeaning term for transvestites or homosexuals]. Bring in the khawalat"—language indicating that the chance of a fair hearing in the case is slim.

In the "Cairo 52" case the Emergency State Security Court in Cairo sentenced 23 presumed homosexuals to one to five years of hard labor on November 14. These sentences cannot be appealed. At the same time the Court acquitted 29 additional defendants.

All fifty-two were arrested on the night of the May 10, 2001 in a raid of the Queen Boat discotheque in Cairo or

in random police pickups during the following days. The 52 were held for over six months without bail. Defense lawyers argued that proper arrest procedures were not followed, that the arrests were made at random, and that charges were fabricated after the arrest. There are enough irregularities in the arrests and handling of this case to suggest that the "Cairo 52" may have been framed. The State-controlled media engaged in a campaign of vilification against the 52, publishing their names, and creating an environment of scandal around them, branding them perverts, blasphemous, and traitors.

The Cairo 52 trials have been condemned by international human rights organizations, members of US Congress and the United Nations.



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# Coalition Launched Demanding Increased Federal Response To HIV/Aids

The Canadian Coalition of Organizations Responding to AIDS (CCORA) was launched at the end of January to pressure the federal government into increasing its response to HIV/AIDS. There has not been an increase in the Canadian Strategy on HIV/AIDS for almost 10 years while the epidemic in Canada continues to grow affecting many more populations. CCORA members all agree that the current federal commitment is not enough to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Canada.

While CCORA is a national organization it has some strong Alberta participation. Co-chair for the organization is Phil Rauch, Executive Director of Central Alberta AIDS Network Society and Alberta Board representative on the Canadian AIDS Society. He feels that; "CCORA grew out of a realization that HIV/AIDS has completely fallen off the federal agenda over many years, despite the fact that 5,000 Canadians are being infected each year."



to serve many more populations than it did 10 years ago, without a federal

At the United Nations General Assembly of Special Sessions on HIV/AIDS this past summer our federal government committed along with 189 other countries, to substantially increase its financial commitment to HIV/AIDS both at home and abroad. People infected and affected with HIV in Canada have not yet seen any such increase and with the government's track record and denial they may not see these words put into action.

commitment to assist". Says CCORA member and Executive Director for AIDS Calgary. CCORA members are hopeful that the new Minister of Health, Anne McLellan (Edmonton-West

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Canada's current spending on federal HIV/AIDS programs is less per capita than its counterparts in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom while its prevalence rate is much higher. Staying ahead of the epidemic could make our infection rate much lower than it is presently.

A recent independent study commissioned by the Ministerial Council on HIV/AIDS says that the federal government's CSHA "is inadequate and inappropriate. While life saving drugs have slashed the number of deaths from HIV to half of what they once were, there are, today, many more infected individuals making every attempt to, once again, lead more productive lives but with little or no assistance from the federal government.

Vulnerable groups are at greatest risk for new infections, in particular, women and girls, men who have sex with men, intravenous drug users, and sex workers. Our federal government needs to make a much stronger commitment to funding targeted prevention for vulnerable Aboriginal populations where the infection rate is staggering.

Research and development incentives must be provided to government and independent researchers so they can find a cure and a vaccine to prevent HIV infection. Microbicides, inexpensive barrier methods to prevent the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, must receive priority research funding from federal government budgets so we can minimize vulnerable groups and marginalized populations from infection. Treatment, care, support, research and prevention of HIV make sound economic sense for the future of Canada.

"CCORA is only planning to be here temporarily" says Kate Gunn, CCORA member and Executive Director of HIV Edmonton.. When its members, NGO's and civil society alike, feel the current strategy is appropriate, adequate and making a difference, we will dismantle so we can all make a difference to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in this country and beyond.

Canadian Statistics released on World AIDS Day 2001

- An estimated 50,000 people were

living with HIV or AIDS at the end of 1999, a 24 percent increase from 1996.

- An estimated 4,190 persons were newly infected with HIV in 1999.
- An estimated 6,800 women were living with HIV or AIDS at the end of 1999, a 48% increase since 1996.
- Infection rates continue to be very high among people who inject drugs, reaching 25 percent in some cities. These rates are as high

as infection rates in some of the worst affected countries in Southern Africa.

- The number of new infections among men who have sex with men has increased by 30 percent since 1996.
- Finally, the number of HIV infections among Aboriginal populations increased by 91 percent between 1996 and 1999, and Aboriginal people are more than three times as likely as other Canadians to contract HIV.

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## Here's The Latest Folks!

### BIG THANKS!

A great big thank you to all the people who helped make this last years Christmas Party such a success, without you it wouldn't have happened.

A Big thank you to all the companies which sponsored and donated to the night (Such as Unworks,

Sandwich Express, On The Mark DJ Service, Westways, B&B and so many more). The \$2000 in gifts was fantastic, (Even if Alex did win the Robert Bateman picture).

And a final thank you to our straight friends for there fantastic backing over the last year.

### A Personal Note!

To all my friends. I know that most of you have been aware of my medical condition that I've been dealing with over the past year; unfortunately do to this reason I will be unable to host any further events (BIG BUMMER!). However, Central Alberta Gay Network will still be

providing local information of events that will be happening in our area. If you have an event planned, please do not hesitate to let me know so that it may be circulated.

I have totally enjoyed hoe downing with you over the last three years and hope to continue, just in a different capacity. Thanks for the Laughs (Lee)

### Coming Events In Our Area!

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# Speaking Of Normal.

By Liz Massiah, MSW,  
RSW  
Member, Clinical  
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And Gordon Portman,  
award-winning  
playwright.

The mother of my good friend, Dennis Cambly, died recently. Now he is an orphan, a child without a living parent. The papers are full of obituaries, reminding us that each of us in turn will die, that really there is nothing remarkable about death, except how we struggle against it. Dying is as natural as sneezing, as much a part of life as being born.

All very easy to say, yet when death comes close, we feel empty, lost, perhaps frightened. The notion of being an "adult orphan" is not often discussed. We discover that both of someone's parents are dead, and usually don't say much about it. Yes, it is a natural part of life for parents to die, but that time of living

between their death and our own has some interesting and unique characteristics. Perhaps it has more meaning to those of us who are childless, since our sense of continuity of the generations is different. Do we feel more of a need to honour our parents – both for the miseries and for the joys in our legacy from them? We are their legacy, what do we leave when there are no children?

Or is that there is now a new sense of having to be a "grown up" since the elders of our own tribe are gone. Brothers and sisters who were joined by the connection to mom or dad now have to sort out their own relationships. Mom and

Dad are no longer the tether, the phone calls about an ageing parent and how to manage the situation are over.

At dinner a few weeks ago Anna and I overheard three siblings discussing vehemently, "What to do about mom? And finally one rather exasperated sibling said she would consult with an 'absent from the dinner meeting' sister...the implication was that this absent sister would agree with the one doing the consulting and so overrule the disagreeable brothers.

We chuckled and wondered how often this scenario had repeated itself and would continue long after mom's death. Made me think of a comment made by a friend who is now living with her adult sons. She observed that when they argue, it sounds just exactly like it did when they were little gaffers, arguing as kids, even though they are grown men with kids of their own.

Another friend observed that she had to figure out what to do with the siblings she did not really like a lot once both parents died. Was it because of the issues related to the parents that the dislike was there, or the relationship between the siblings? Could it ever be really sorted out clearly – no, the two are so intertwined it is not possible. And is it even useful? And when both parents are gone, how do you consult to get the story "straight" (guess I should say sorted out, cause being straightened out is not high on most of our agendas). Often siblings find that once the estate is settled, the

contact diminishes for a while, and then re-emerges as the sibling relationships exert their own strength.

Part of the issue, I think for those whose second parent dies, is the surprising strength of the grief. Now that both parents are gone, it is not possible to turn to the remaining parent for solace, for support or even for information. For even as we console the remaining parent, we are also, on some level, seeking the reassurance that we still have a parent. That is the natural order of parent -child relationships and is inescapable.

The final fantasies regarding both parents must be laid to rest...that he would start/stop doing... that she would stop/start doing... all come to a halt, whether we like it or not. They can only continue as fantasy and we lose the hope of a different outcome.

So I think that part of the strength of the grief when the second parent dies is the loss of the notion of the support from that parent being no longer possible, the end of the dreams of what might have been, and the sense of having to sort out life's challenges without any real access to the two people who were our most important teachers.

It seems to me that part of grieving is redefining who we are in the context of the loss. We have an image of ourselves as part of a story, with a certain cast of characters, and a certain script. The script changes with time and circumstances, but I think that we really

believe that all the actors will always still be there, maybe looking or acting different, but still there. Or even if not present in the immediate sense, present in the sense of being reachable by phone, by mail, by comment from someone else who can say, "when I talked to mom this morning...". Now even that will cease for not only is the actual opportunity to breathe the same air as that person, but the potential opportunity to do so is gone. We won't be able to wonder what granddad would think of a certain event in our lives, let alone ask advice from our mom or dad. Even having an argument with them might be better than not having any chance of connection.

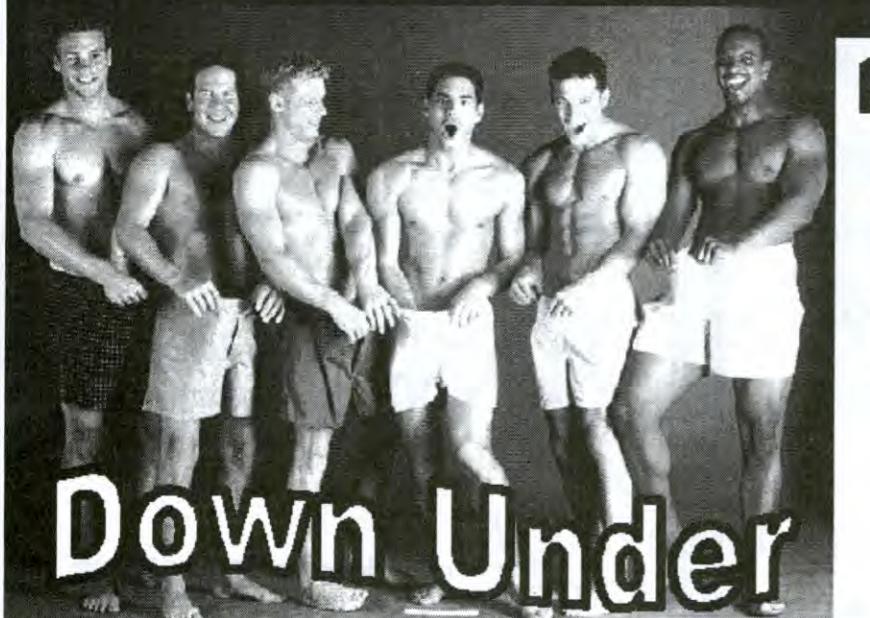
Have you ever noticed that we comfort ourselves in obituaries

by talking about being reconnected with the lost loved one in the future? It is not the sense of the past that we mourn; it is the loss of the shared future that we mourn. People don't really get stuck in the past; they get stuck in an empty future. They are not in the past when they don't change the table setting; they are trying to change the present and the future.

Healthy grieving means we can incorporate some part of our experiences with the deceased and know that we carry that with us always, so we are never really without them in our souls. Healthy grieving means being able to bring the sense of whatever joys we had with the loved one along with us, and being able to share that with others.

(The opinions expressed in this column are those of the authors alone. Client information has been altered to protect identity where needed. This column does not replace the need for consultation with a qualified, accountable professional psychotherapist.)

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# Leather

First, this is not an article on SM, or bikers, or power. Disappointed; stop reading. Curious, read on. Okay lets get this over with, is leather about sex? Yes for some people it is. Is it fetish wear? Yes, absolutely it is. Can leather have a risqué side. Absolutely. Is that what leather is all about NO.

Let me pose these questions to you:

Do you own leather? Stop before you answer and take a look at your wardrobe.

Leather shoes, leather gloves, leather jacket.  
- Okay so why do you wear these things? They feel good, they look good.  
- Bingo, leather is not always about power it is about feeling good, feeling sassy, and feeling confident.  
  
Ever glimpsed a motorcycle rider in leather, jacket, chaps, and gloves. Then upon second glance it's a woman. You think WOW. Ever buy something leather and when you put it on or use it for the first time you smell that warm leather smell, aaahhh. Almost as addictive as new car smell  
  
Ever check out those furniture places and sit down in a leather chair and feel like you are wrapped in comfort.  
  
Leather is everywhere in our day to day. Do you own an item(s) of clothing that makes you feel sassy? Is it leather?  
  
Leather is about sassy. Leather is about self-confidence. Leather is about is about women. It's not just for men anymore.  
  
There is a contest coming to town. It is open to all women over 18 who want to strut their leather.

Will there be fetish wear-YES. Will there be sexual innuendoes-YES  
Will there be SM demonstrations-YES?  
Will it be fun-ABSOLUTELY YES  
  
So the question is do you feel sassy enough in your leather to compete. If yes call Liz at Secrets Bar & Grill (990 1818) to pick up a contestant package.

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## Tax Increases

*Ken Nicol, Leader,  
Alberta Official  
Opposition*



This week the government announced its response to the report from the Premier's Advisory Council on Health released earlier this month. Just 15 days after receiving the 44 recommendations from the Council the government is already planning to proceed with drastic changes to our health-care system without public input.

Despite this government's promise not to increase taxes, make no mistake about it, an increase in health-care premiums is exactly that: a tax increase. And this tax will fall not just on the shoulders of Albertans, but also on businesses that will also be asked to pickup some of these increased taxes through greater employee benefit programs.

The most alarming thing about these changes is that they do nothing to improve our health-care system. Raising taxes may mean more money for health care but it does nothing to improve how we spend that money. Moving services on or off public coverage does nothing to change how we deliver these services or to

guarantee that these services will be delivered more efficiently. The Auditor General has repeatedly made recommendations about how to improve service delivery and the government has continually ignored those recommendations.

Last week the Alberta Liberal Caucus released its own proposal for improving Medicare. Our discussion paper, Making Medicare Better, provides alternatives to the government. Recommendations such as specialized surgical centers within the public system and expanding the system of community health centers deal directly with the question of improving service delivery. We also call for a special task force to be struck to ensure the implementation of the Auditor General's recommendations.

Albertans need health care. Whether that system is paid for by the government, private insurance or out of our own wallet, it is the average Albertan, like you and me, who will pay. The government should have given Albertans a plan for improving the delivery of health-care services. What they did instead was find ways to shift costs and responsibility.

I encourage you to call the number 310-0000 and ask for the Official Opposition or e-mail us at [Namini.Hassam@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Namini.Hassam@assembly.ab.ca) to provide us with your feedback. Also, call your local MLA to express your views.

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# Announcing GLCCE and GMOC's new address!

**Rob Mizzi - GMOC**

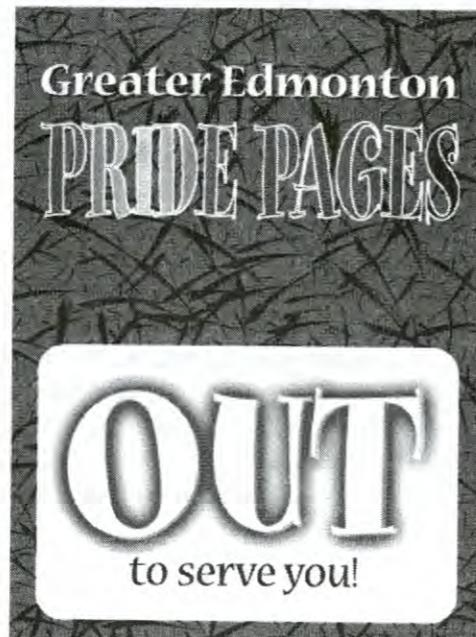
On Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002, the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton, and the Gay Men's Outreach Crew will open in their NEW LOCATION in The Commonwealth Building at Suite 45, 9912-106 Street.

In public consultations over the past few years, GLCCE has received strong feedback about the need to be wheelchair accessible and to "get out of the basement!" Our new space is on the 4th floor of a well-maintained building, is wheelchair accessible, and has bright west-facing windows.

We will be able to offer community groups more meeting space in our larger Community Room and the

library and public internet access computers will be nestled in a cozy new Resource Room. As well, we will be in the same building as some key allies: Planned Parenthood and the Edmonton Social Planning Council.

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# You and Your Funny Bone...:)

## Cakes and Ale

Here is a supposedly true story someone found regarding exams at Cambridge University. It seems that during an examination one day a bright young student popped up and asked the proctor to bring him Cakes and Ale. The following dialog ensued:

Proctor: I beg your pardon? Student: Sir, I request that you bring me Cakes and Ale. Proctor: Sorry, no. Student: Sir, I really must insist. I request and require that you bring me Cakes and Ale. At this point, the student produced a copy of the four hundred year old Laws of Cambridge, written in Latin and still nominally in effect, and pointed to the section which read (roughly translated): "Gentlemen sitting examinations may request and require Cakes and Ale." Pepsi and hamburgers were judged the modern equivalent, and the student sat there, writing his examination and happily slurping away. Three weeks later, the same student was fined five pounds for not wearing a sword to the examination.

## The Parrot

A magician worked on a cruise ship in the Caribbean. The audience was different each week, so the magician allowed himself to do the same tricks over and over again. There was only one problem: the captain's parrot saw the shows each week and began to understand how the magician did every trick.

Once he understood, he started shouting in middle of the show: "Look, it's not the same hat!" "Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table." "Hey, why are all the cards the ace of spades?" The magician was furious but couldn't do anything. It was, after all, the captain's parrot.

One day the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself on a piece of wood in the middle of the sea with, as fate would have it, the parrot.

They stared at each other with hatred but did not utter a word. This went on for a day and then another. On the third day, the parrot could not hold back any longer:

"OK, I give up. Where's the fucking ship?"

## Quote

Tell a man there are 300 Billion stars in the universe and he'll believe you. Tell him a bench has wet paint on it and he'll have to touch to be sure. ...Jarger

## Can't Swim

An avid duck hunter was in the market for a new bird dog. His search ended when he found a dog that could actually walk on water to retrieve a duck. Shocked by his find, he was sure none of his friends would ever believe him. He invited a friend of his, a pessimist by nature, and to hunt with him and his new dog.

As they waited by the shore, a flock of ducks flew by. They fired, and a duck fell. The dog immediately jumped into the water. Amazingly, he didn't sink, but instead walked across the water to retrieve the bird, never getting more than his paws wet. The friend saw everything but didn't say a word. On the drive home, the hunter asked his friend, "Did you notice anything unusual about my new dog?" "I sure did," responded his friend. "He can't swim."

## New English

The European Commission has just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the EU rather than German which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5 year

phase-in plan that would be known as "Euro-English".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of the "k". This should klear up konfusion and keyboards kan have 1 less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the second year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20% shorter. In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be ekspekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkorage the removal of double letters, which have always ben a deterrent to akurate spelng. Also, al wil agre that the horible mes of the silent "e"s in the language is disgrasful, and they should go away.

By the fourth year, peopl wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v". During ze fifz year, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and similar changes vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters.

After zis fifz yer, ve vil hav a reli sensibl riten styl. Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi to understand ech ozer. Ze drem vil finali kum tru! And zen world!

## Blind Date

The blind date hadn't been all that great and she was relieved the evening was finally over. At her apartment door, he suddenly said, "Hey! You want to see my underwear?" Before she could respond, he dropped his pants, right there in the hall, revealing that he wasn't wearing any underwear. She glanced down and said, "Nice design.... Does it also come in men's sizes?"

Little Johnny was a young boy, just potty trained. When he went to the bathroom though, he hit everything but the toilet. So mom had to go in and clean up after him. After two weeks, she has had enough, and took Lil' Johnny to the doctor.

After the examination, the Doctor said, "Well, his unit is too small. An old wives tale says to give him two slices of toast each morning, and his unit will grow so he can hold it and aim straight." Next morning Johnny jumped out of bed and ran down to the kitchen. On the table are 12 slices of toast. "Mom!" Little Johnny yelled. "The Doctor said I only had to eat 2 slices!" "I know," smiled his mom. "The other 10 are for your father."

## This for That

"How did you afford it?" the husband inquired, becoming nervous. "Well, they said I could either bake them each

A married couple sleepily awoke one Saturday morning. The wife rolled over and inquired, "Are you going to mow the lawns today?" The husband replied, "Who do I look like - Jim's Mowing?" Not being quick to give up, she continued, "How about mending the TV aerial then?" "Who do I look like The Antenna Man?" he sarcastically replied again.

## Shuddering

A man and a woman are sitting beside each other in the first class section of the plane. The woman sneezes, takes a tissue, gently wipes her nose and shudders quite violently in her seat. The man isn't sure why she is shuddering and goes back to reading. A few minutes pass. The woman sneezes again. She takes a tissue, gently wipes her nose and shudders quite violently in her seat.

The man is becoming more and more curious about the shuddering. A few more minutes pass. The woman

sneezes yet again. She takes a tissue, gently wipes her nose and shudders violently again. The man has finally had all he can handle. He turns to the woman and says, "Three times you've sneezed and three times you've taken a tissue and wiped your nose then shuddered violently! Are you sending me signals, or are you going crazy?" The woman replies, "I'm sorry if I disturbed you. I have a rare condition and when I sneeze, I have an orgasm." The man, now feeling a little embarrassed but even more curious says, "I've never heard of that before. What are you taking for it?" The woman looks at him and says, "Pepper."

## Question

Why is it that the unpopular minorities all have agendas Whereas the majority has values?

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# My Monthly Neurosis

Rob Browatzke

Have you ever been really tired? I don't just mean from lack of sleep. I mean that type of sheer exhaustion where your body crashes even though your mind is still flying, when you're lying there and the digital numbers on the alarm clock become two blurry red eyes, when the ashtray's too full



and the wine bottle's too empty, and you've never felt This Awake.

Your eyes play tricks on your first. Like some hallucinogenic trip. Smiles inside of triangles floating off into forever. Giant cartoon Scooby-Doo's running by in slow motion. Swirling shiny colors and happy smiling faces.

That's when your thoughts seem to get deep

and focused. On weird stuff. Like Fate. You're watching the parade of bouncing lights and suddenly, your mind pushes aside that Carpenter's song you've had in your head for days, and you find yourself lying there wondering if there is such a thing as Fate.

It seems there must be. Out of the blue, something happens, someone comes along, and you never expected it to happen. But it does, and suddenly you realize, that's what you've been searching for, even when you didn't know you were looking. It can be something simple, or something huge. Starting to work out. Getting a new job. Meeting a new boy. Whatever it is, when it happens, you know, just know, that it was MEANT TO BE.

Those are three powerful words. MEANT TO BE. They're loaded with feelings of ordination, of inevitability. They're the reward for good deeds stored in some karmic piggy bank. And they're magical. They can be even more magical when they're combined with three other little words. When you can say I LOVE YOU and know that saying it was MEANT TO BE, it's an amazing feeling, and it completely overshadows that Hollywood-Hallmark sentimentality. It's more than the fairy tale you wanted as a kid. It's more than that dream of a white-picket-fence in Suburbia. It's real and it's right there,

and it's a little bitterrifying, a little bit exhilarating, and completely...meant.

Maybe it's the Valentine's bug in the air that had me turning to thoughts of Fate and Love. The thing about Fate though, it doesn't care about "when". It can happen, just in passing, on some hot June night. It can happen, as if by chance, some cloudy November afternoon. And the thing about Fate, no matter how off or ironic you think the timing might be, Fate is always right on time (kind of by definition).

When something's MEANT TO BE, it removes any obstacles in its path. It happens whether you want it to or not, and even if this seems to negate responsibility, all you can really do with Fate is accept it. Even that tragedy you've always dreaded can become that future you never dared to imagine. Fighting it only delays it. Of course, the reverse is, if you have to fight that hard, maybe it just wasn't meant to happen.

Now I know you're saying that some things in life you have to fight for. Some things just don't get handed to you on a platter. You struggle, you try, sometimes you fail, and sometimes, you succeed. Sometimes, however, it's easier to blame it all on Fate.

Now I know that this wasn't totally logical, but I never promised you sanity.

Maybe next month, when I return once more to diatribes on the existence of shappy plosers, I'll change the title to My Monthly Semi-Journalistic Mess of Incongruity and Self-Indulgence, but for now, here's hoping you find that precious thing that's MEANT TO BE.

## EGALE Update

### Immigration Action Alert:

Towards the end of last year, the Canadian Government published a first draft of new proposed immigration regulations. These regulations set out the criteria for deciding when same-sex partners will be eligible to immigrate to Canada as members of the family class.

Unfortunately, the regulations require that couples cohabit in a conjugal relationship for one year before they will be recognized as members of the family class. This requirement is wholly unrealistic in the immigration context, where couples often cannot cohabit, precisely because they are separated by immigration requirements! The only exception in the proposed regulations is for couples who cannot cohabit for fear of persecution. While EGALE welcomes the exception, it is far too narrow

to cover the range of couples who will be excluded by the family class provisions.

Anyone not recognized under the family class may still be admitted on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, but there are substantial disadvantages to this approach. Humanitarian and compassionate decisions are made on a discretionary basis, which can lead to arbitrary results. Unlike the family class, there is no right of appeal from a refusal on humanitarian and compassionate grounds. Family class members are exempted from the medical inadmissibility provisions, an exemption not necessarily available to applicants on humanitarian and compassionate grounds.

Heterosexuals can avoid the cohabitation requirement altogether, simply by marrying. A married spouse has automatic access to Canada as a member of the family class.

EGALE is finalizing a brief on the proposed regulations, which will soon be available on our Website at [www.egale.ca](http://www.egale.ca). We will also be appearing with LEGIT and the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network at hearings before a Parliamentary Committee next month. In the meantime, the government is seeking public feedback and community-members need to make their voices heard! Contact Joanne DesLauriers, Social Policy, Selection Branch, Citizenship & Immigration Canada today - ph: (613) 941-9022; fax: (613) 941-9323; Jean Edmonds Tower N, 7th floor, 300 Slater St, Ottawa, ON, K1A 1L1.

Call upon the government to:

- (i) Eliminate the cohabitation requirement altogether. It is unrealistic in the immigration context;
- (ii) Process applications by couples intending to live common law directly under the family class, not under the arbitrary humanitarian and compassionate category;
- (iii) Broaden the exceptions to the cohabitation requirement to include couples unable to live together, for example, because they are separated by immigration requirements.

### Cabinet shuffle:

In a Cabinet shuffle this month, there were a number of changes relevant to the LGBT communities. Martin Cauchon replaced Anne McLellan as Minister of Justice. According to EGALE records, Minister Cauchon supported the amendments to add "sexual orientation" to the Canadian Human Rights Act in 1996, as well as the federal omnibus legislation to recognize same-sex relationships in 2000. He also, however, supported a Reform Party motion to define marriage in 1999 as "opposite sex" only, and voted against a motion by Svend Robinson to remove the opposite-sex definition of marriage from the omnibus relationships legislation. His voting record is not much different from the previous Justice Minister, however, and reflects the official positions of his party. At the least, being from a safe Liberal seat in Québec may enable the Minister to feel

more comfortable in advancing LGBT issues.

Denis Coderre replaced Elinor Caplan as Minister of Immigration. Since EGALE and LEGIT are lobbying to change a number of proposals in the immigration regulations, a new Minister may be helpful in our efforts to encourage a change in direction.

EGALE welcomes the appointment of Bill Graham to Cabinet as Minister of



Foreign Affairs. Bill has also been a strong voice in support of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered equality issues, and has also spoken at EGALE Press Conferences and Galas. We hope that his appointment will strengthen Canada's role as an advocate for LGBT equality at the international level.

### Canadian Alliance leadership race

Alliance leadership candidates have until January 31 to sign up sufficient supporters and raise their deposit to maintain their candidacy. Leadership hopeful Stephen Harper attracted media attention when he appointed John Collison as spokesperson for his campaign. Collison is a broadcaster who had been fired by a Winnipeg radio station for his constant anti-gay slurs directed at Winnipeg mayor Glen Murray. Dr. Grant

Hill, another leadership contender, has repeatedly expressed the view that homosexuality is an unhealthy lifestyle. Stockwell Day and Dianne Abromszky are also well known for their social conservatism.

In the meantime, the final leadership contender, drag queen Enza "Supermodel" Anderson, recently shared a stage with Stockwell Day and other leadership candidates, expressing the view that the Canadian Alliance must be "a party of all the people", and shed its public image of "a political shelter for closet racists, bigots and homophobes." Enza met with a mixed response from Canadian Alliance members. Some walked out before she had even begun to speak. One commented: "Why on earth would we let that 'thing' speak?" But, according to news reports, one attendee also said that although she was an Alliance member of long-standing, she had not been aware of the party's stand on gay rights, commenting: "I have a gay nephew. I guess I'm sort of shocked at learning this."

The EGALE office was honoured to receive a call today from Supermodel Enza herself, asking for help in spreading the word to attract sufficient supporters by January 31 to allow her name to stand on the leadership ballot. With about one week left, Enza needs to sign up less than a hundred new supporters to have her shot at the coveted title of Leader of the Official Opposition. Those interested can sign up on her website at [www.enza.ca](http://www.enza.ca).

# Making OUT On The Screen: 10 Romantic Boy/Boy, Girl/ Girl Screen Kisses

By Steve Stewart

"Come on Charlie, who took the kickback? Please tell me it's Kramer. If it is I'll give you a big kiss on the lips. Tongue, no tongue, your choice."

—James Garner to Jack Lemmon in *My Fellow Americans* (1996)

Leonardo Di Caprio, Will Smith, Dennis Hopper, Josh Brolin, Anthony Hopkins, Dean Cain, Ashton Kutcher, Sting, William Hurt, Antonio Banderas, Jeremy Irons, Daniel Day-Lewis, Keanu Reeves, Christopher Reeve, Tom Selleck, Matthew Broderick, River Phoenix and Michael Caine have all done it. So have Kate Hudson, Liv Tyler, Sharon Stone, Kate Capshaw, Elle MacPherson, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Kate Winslet, Uma Thurman, Ally Sheedy, Susan Sarandon, Helen Mirren, Kyra Sedgwick, Drew Barrymore, Neve Campbell, Salma Hayek and Greta Garbo. What do they all have in common? Each has experienced the thrill and shock value of a same-sex screen kiss.

The first time I ever saw two guys kiss on screen was in John Schlesinger's *SUNDAY BLOODY SUNDAY* (1971). In this groundbreaking film, Murray Head plays Bob Elkin, a long-haired, free-spirited, bisexual artist, sexually involved with both a man and a woman. Glenda Jackson plays his 30-something female lover, Alex. The late Peter Finch plays his 40-something male lover, Dr. Daniel Hirsh. When Peter Finch and Murray Head shared a passionate and extended kissing scene it was pretty risqué at the time. To my knowledge, this was the first time two men had shared a "romantic kiss" on

screen (In 1968, Rod Steiger had kissed John Phillip Law in *THE SERGEANT*, but it ended with a beating).

Thirty years later, in *AMERICAN PIE 2* (2001) Denise Faye and Lisa Arturo play Danielle and Amber, two sexy women who may or may not be lesbians but who offered to kiss each other in front of Jason Biggs and Seann William Scott, if the boys will do the same. In the scene, played for laughs, the boys are repulsed, but being horny young teens they can't resist seeing the women and do it anyway.

In between these two films, there has been hundreds of memorable girl/girl, boy/

boy screen kisses. Sometimes the kiss is used to make a dramatic statement, sometimes it's just a scene used for titillation or comedic relief. And sometimes a big deal is made about the kiss, but it never actually takes place. Such is the case with *IN THE ARMY NOW* (1994) in which Pauly Shore and Andy Dick play "minimum-wage" misfits and buddies, Bones and Jack. On a whim, they enlist in the Army reserves for the extra money. When they are called into active duty they try to avoid it by pretending to be gay lovers. When the commanding officer demands that they prove it by kissing each other, they decide they'd rather risk their lives in combat!

If you're looking for a romantic date flick, however, I'd recommend the following:

**DR. T & The Women** (2000) Richard Gere plays a popular Texas gynecologist whose family is coming apart at the seams. On the eve of her wedding, he discovers that his daughter Dee Dee (Kate Hudson) is a lesbian. And if that weren't enough of a surprise, he discovers that her maid of honor, Marilyn (Liv Tyler), is also her lover. The two young women share numerous kisses and finally run away together at the wedding ceremony.

**FRIENDS & LOVERS** (1999) features Danny Nucci as David, a sweet and

lovable gay man who's too shy to find a boyfriend. In his mid 20s he's still a virgin. On a weekend trip to a ski resort, his group of straight friends give him the courage and push he needs to meet another gay man, played by Leon—and to lose his virginity. Everyone in this sweet and fun film finds romance, including the gay guy, for once. And to top it off, Nucci and Leon get to share an innocent kiss.

**GET REAL** (Great Britain/1998) stars Ben Silverstone as Steven Carter, a 16-year-old gay student struggling to come out of

the closet. Brad Gorton plays John Dixon, a macho, high school jock, struggling to stay in the closet. The two opposites become lovers and struggle together with their situation. A warm, tender, realistic and well-acted film. Silverstone and Gorton share a couple of passionate and very romantic kisses.

**A GIRL THING** (2001) Finds Stockard Channing playing a psychologist whose clients have multiple sexual problems. In the first of several

segments, Elle Macpherson plays her client Lauren. Lauren, who has always been straight, unexpectedly falls for Casey (Kate Capshaw), a serial bisexual. They date, make love and kiss numerous times, but Lauren is too uncomfortable

"being different" to make it a lasting relationship and they eventually part friends. Steven Spielberg reportedly loved his wife's lesbian liplock.

**QUEEN CHRISTINA** (1934) Set in Sweden in 1632, a young Christina (Greta Garbo) assumes the thrown when her father, the King, is killed in battle. Christina has been raised by the King as a boy, to take his place one day. The Queen has many admirers but only has eyes for Countess Ebba (Elizabeth Young). In the most memorable scene of the film they share a kiss on the lips and plan to meet later for a trip to the country—is that a euphemism?

**THE RAINBOW** (Great Britain/1989) Set in Victorian England, Sammi Davis plays Ursula, a young woman desperate to break free of the suffocating moral constraints of the time. While still in school, she experiences her first love affair with her swim coach, Winifred (Amanda Donohoe). Winifred, bound

forces him to accept who he is and he comes out to his friends and family, and they accept him too.

**SPLENDOR** (1998) is a sweet and perfectly cast tale, featuring Kathleen Robertson as Veronica, a young woman who falls in love with two handsome young men. Abel (Johnathon Schaech) is a struggling writer and Zedd (Matt Keeslar) is a struggling musician. The two men move in with Veronica and discover that kissing and sex with each other isn't so bad either. When Veronica becomes pregnant, however, she turns to Ernest (Eric Mabius), a wealthy director, for security.

In the last 100 years of cinema, there have been fewer than 100 same-sex screen kisses on screen. I've simply selected 10 of the most romantic. For a complete list of actors and actresses who have shared gay and lesbian screen kisses (including those listed at the beginning of this article) visit <http://www.companionpress.com>.

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# I Have a Dream...

As children, we had our sources of security—the little night light, the special blanket or the teddy bear we snuggled with as we tried to get to sleep at night, frightened by the dark or

being alone. Even a story and a favourite lullaby would end and we'd be facing all those imaginary monsters that were so real, all around us, under the bed, in the closet.

As adults, do our monsters go away? Do our years of living simply push back the darkness, because we get so used to it, it doesn't bother us so much; or do we ever really get used to what goes on in the world, in our lives, in us?

What are you looking for? That is the question Jesus asked the followers of John the Baptist in the first chapter of John. It's a question that I asked of myself for years. As I grew and matured my answer changed. My answer, my reason for being, for doing

what I do everyday became a fire in my heart. A passion that began to resonate in my life. I believe it came from God and I believe that those we meet in the first chapter of John struggled with the same question and had the same answer. It orders my life and is at the very center of my being and at the center of all that I do, all that I am. My answer became "I have a dream..."

As seekers after truth, searchers for God—we meet a fellow traveler on this road in John the Baptist and his disciples, in the story from John. The preaching and baptizing of John the Baptist is very much an "I have a

dream" story. He knows that there is someone coming after him, someone he has been readying the people of Israel for, someone who will change everything." It is this belief that is John's whole purpose, his passion. John was called to get people ready for Jesus and his ministry with them; this preparation and movement toward change, to a new age was at the center of his whole being. The Gospel writer, John, sets the scene for us, as John the Baptist is standing and speaking with two of his followers. Somehow, I can't see John the Baptist being subtle or subdued when he tells his two followers "There he is! He is the Lamb of

God." There must have been more, but that's all we are told; whatever it was, it is enough for the two followers of John to leave him and start following behind Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following after him, he asked them, "What are you looking for?" "Rabbi (teacher), where are you staying?" "Come and see," Jesus said to them.

They came and saw where he was staying and they stayed for the day. Something more must have been happening between John and his followers and Jesus, that the simplicity of these questions do not illuminate. "What are you looking for?" I believe that deep in their spirits at that moment, God whispered "I have a dream..."

Because of what they had experienced and learned, the two who followed Jesus home had in their minds a pre-existing idea of who the Messiah was to be. He was to be a political and military leader, a great success in the world of power politics. We too have pre-existing ideas about God, about the church based on what we have learned and experienced. Too often we have learned through guilt and shame and a church history that is filled with negative messages and actions. But these two find an authentic man, deeply connected to God, acting in a way of love and peace and justice that contradicted the way they had been taught to make their way in the world. In a world of might is right, and if a little money is good, then more is better, and keep me safe and protected and away from all those who are not like me. Andrew and the other one discovered that love is mightier, that sharing and ethical use of resources was best, and those who are counted as the last and least by the standard of the day are those to whom Jesus goes, to open a new age and way to God.

Things have not changed very much from that day to this. We still live in a world where the values and ways of living contradict those of the dream of God, the dream of the Gospel at so many turns. Unfortunately we have adapted

our faith to fit this situation, rather than answer the call of God and Jesus to carry the dream forward, to transform the world. God also speaks into our hearts the words "I have a dream." And although we hear, we cling to our security blankets and find again and again, there's a hole in them. We are confronted by Christ's question, "What are you looking for?" "What are you looking for?" God calls to us. "I have a dream..." God's word echoes in depths of seeking spirits. "Come and see," God invites us to share the journey in

In a sermon called "The Most Durable Power" delivered on November 6, 1956 in Montgomery, Alabama, this man, Martin Luther King Jr., a man whom I believe captured the dream in his soul, said:

*"As you press on for justice, be sure to move with dignity and discipline, using only the weapon of love. Let no man pull you so low as to hate him. Always avoid violence. If you succumb to the temptation of using violence in your struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness, and your chief legacy to the future will be an endless reign of meaningless chaos."*

And in another sermon "Loving Your Enemies" delivered on November 17, 1957 he said this:

*"I think the first reason that we should love our enemies, and I think this is at the very center of Jesus' thinking is this: that hate for hate only intensifies the existence of hate and evil in the universe. If I hit you and you hit me and I hit you back and you hit me back and so on, you see, that goes on ad infinitum. It just never ends. Somewhere somebody must have a little sense, and that's the strong person. The strong person is the person who can cut off the chain of hate, the chain of evil. And that is the tragedy of hate, that it doesn't cut it off. It only intensifies the existence of hate and evil in the universe. Somebody must have religion enough and morality enough to cut it off, and inject within the very structure of the universe that strong and powerful element of love."*



1968 / AP

this life, to draw close and share that dream. Here today, through us, God can confront the monstrosities of human suffering, oppression, hate or evil. Through us God can create new beginnings, confront injustice and nurture belongingness and wholeness.

January 21 was Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Martin Luther King Jr. was a man who responded to the question "what are you looking for" & "come & see." He saw the dream. So often in today's world of advanced technology and supposed enlightenment the words of yesterday are not relevant. But I invite you to hear the dream in some of the words spoken by Martin Luther King Jr. over 40 years ago.

And in his speech "Conquering Self-Centredness" on August 11, 1957 he said:

*An individual has not begun to live until he can rise above the narrow horizons of his particular individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity. ... Every person must decide, at some point, whether they will walk in the light of*

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## I Have a Dream..

creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgment. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

On August 28 1963 he said: I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords... into a beautiful symphony.... With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

And in his last speech in April of 1968 he said:

Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that

now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

or like a teddy bear wear out after so many nights. We too have the promise of God, as did John the Baptist, Jesus and Martin Luther King Jr. that we will get to the mountaintop and see the promised land. God is with us, we who are gay and lesbian, bisexual and transgendered, young and old, every race and creed and because God is with us so is the dream. In love and peace we can transform the world.

Rev. Mickey Wilson

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## Cycling Team to Ride for AIDS Vaccine Research

Cycling Team to Ride 575 Miles in support of AIDS Vaccine Research Atlanta Guys Cycling has registered to ride in the European AIDS Vaccine Ride, a 575 mile bike ride from Amsterdam to Paris this summer which will benefit 3 AIDS vaccine research centers in the US including Atlanta's Emory

Vaccine Research Center. The team is made up of 10 local Atlantans many of whom are cycling for the first time in their lives.

Each team member must raise \$5,000 prior to the event as well as pay for their own travel expenses. To reach this minimum \$50,000 team fundraising goal, the team is holding a series of fundraising events through May. The first of these is a fundraising event to be held on January 27th from 4 until 7 pm at Red Chair, a new restaurant and video lounge in Midtown. Rafi Ahmed, the director of the Emory Vaccine Research Center, will be the featured speaker along with Bill Blake of the Hope Clinic. The Hope

Clinic is affiliated with the Emory center and coordinates trials of the vaccines which the center develops. Don Hadden, Annual Fund Manager for AID Atlanta will also address the crowd. Attendees will be able to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a wide array of prizes including gym memberships, meals at several popular restaurants and gift certificates to local shops. We have created a vision for this event that will educate, entertain, and most of all inspire our guests.

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you and hope that you will consider covering our story

and publicizing our fundraising event.

We also are aware of the negative publicity that Pallotta Team Works, the producer of the AIDS Vaccine Rides, has received lately. I have attached 2 press releases, a team photo and our official response to the critics of PTW and their events. We believe in what we are doing. We believe that our fundraiser will raise needed AIDS awareness and help Emory establish themselves as a part of our community and showcase their very important work to find a vaccine and end this epidemic.



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## Celebrating Freedom in 2002

### First Marching Boys Troupe from USA to Perform in Sydney Mardi Gras Parade

A group of approximately 20 volunteers from across the USA have organized the first marching boys troupe from the US ever to enter the Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade in Sydney, Australia. John Blevins, a key organizer of the USA Marching Boys, gathered

The troupe's theme, Celebrating Freedom, is

up his friends, posted a website and then actively recruited volunteers from all parts of the country. "My friends and I were so overwhelmed by our experience at last year's Mardi Gras Parade that we knew we had to get involved this year," stated Blevins. "It seemed strange to me that there was no representation from our country in the parade even though it was a hugely popular event with the American gay community." The USA Marching boys will include men from New York, Texas, California, Florida, Minnesota and Washington D.C.

in recognition of the hundreds of gay men and women who are actively involved in protecting the rights and security of freedom-loving people everywhere. "If there could ever be an upside to the terrible events of this past September, it might be that we've become aware of so many great examples of heroic gay figures who have risked their lives to save others. And we know that there are hundreds, perhaps thousands of others who work behind the scenes, perhaps still closeted, yet contributing to our security," continued Blevins.

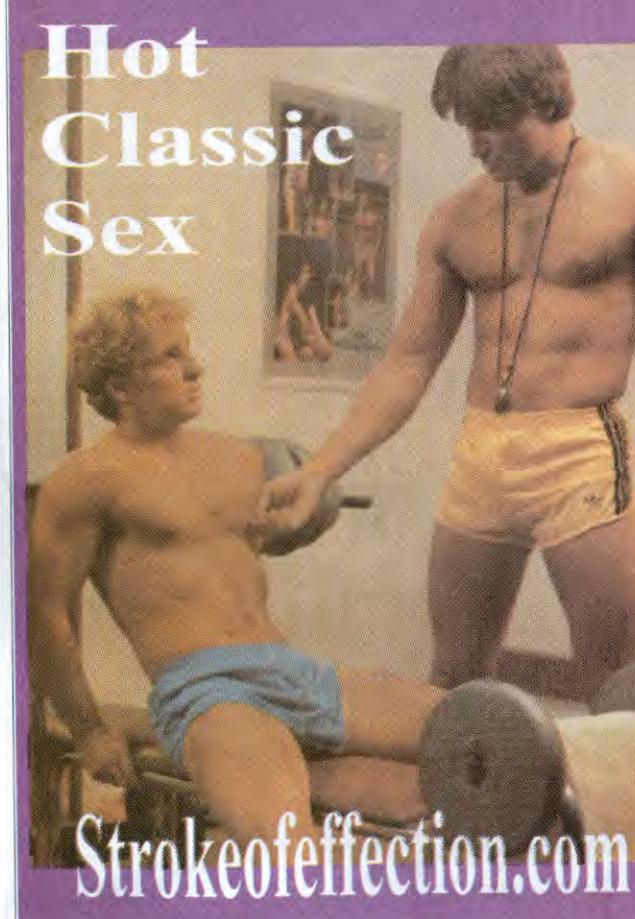
of over 800 people. He spent the next 21 hours leading a group of emergency workers at the scene. Besides being a firefighter-paramedic, Konoza is also president of the Transgender Education Association of Greater Washington DC.

"We want these gay and lesbian heroes to know that we appreciate what they do. We honor their commitment by celebrating the freedoms that they live their lives to protect every day. We march out of respect for what they do and we dance in celebration of the ideals that they hold dear."

The USA Marching Boys will dance the 3 1/2 hour parade route to a custom mix of the songs Be Free by Live Element and Kate Ryan's Scream for More.

Sydney's Mardi Gras Parade is one of the world's largest gay and lesbian celebrations. It is the culmination of a month-long series of arts, cultural, and sporting events celebrating gay culture. The parade is scheduled for March 2, 2002, and is expected to draw a crowd in excess of 700,000 people.

For Additional Information:  
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## romance

Box 2025: I'm a single white male, 6', 175lb, sandy blond hair, hazel green eyes. Looking for other white males, 18-34 for longterm friendship, hopefully more. You're honest, sincere and looking for a serious relationship.

Box 2054: I'm looking for a longterm relationship with another cool guy. I'm normal, well-adjusted, self-confident, all-round good guy. Sense of humour, sense of style, sense of adventure, cool friends both gay and straight, even have a cool car. Definitely not shy, easy-going, outgoing, and not judgmental. Lots of interests from cartoons, music, outdoor sports, photography, Japanese food and I can actually dance. If you're an alcoholic, I'm a bartender so I can make you 40 different Martinis. Looking for just another guy with a sense of humour, personality, easy-going, hang out with it, see what happens. I'm 28, 5'10", 160lb, light blond hair, very messy, blue eyes, slim, smooth, cute, white.

Box 2150: My name is Chris, 26, 5'8", dark hair and eyes, 130lb, not much into working out but I'm in pretty good shape. I'm tired of being single and I've become quite bored of the bar scene and the little games that go along with it. I'm looking for a longterm loving relationship with someone who knows what they want out of life. If you give great hugs and love to cuddle as much as I do, we'll get along perfectly I think. Great sense of humour is a must. Sixty seconds isn't very long, interested in chatting, maybe going for a couple of beers or something.

## friendship & hanging out

Box 1825: I'm totally re-recording my ad. Nice guy, down-to-earth, clean, discreet, friendly guy, great sense of humour, slim body, 5'8", 140lb, 30" waist, 8" thick uncut cock, keep it trimmed and shaved. Do I sound nervous? Yep. I'm looking to hook up, have some fun, get passionate, and hopefully get to know somebody, become friends, go places and talk, all that fun stuff.

Box 2352: I'm a gay white male, 51 years old, 6', 175lb, attractive, very clean, healthy, and I like to look well. I enjoy going out, sometimes for a beer or a coffee, and I love meeting new people. Looking for a friend, especially an Asian friend, actually race is not important. I'd just like to meet someone, you know, a young guy up to 40 years. I'd like to just go out and chat, maybe going for a couple of beers or something.

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company. I'm not necessarily looking for sex, if it happens it happens, if it doesn't that's okay too. Anyway, I hope you will be able to help me with my computer a bit so we can explore the internet, and just be friends, have a meal together, coffee together, maybe go out for a drink.

Box 2384: I'm a young, good-looking 20 year old guy, 5'11", 160lb, light brown hair, grey eyes, nicely toned, little bit shy but seeking guys 18-30, who are in shape. Like to have fun.

## group scenes & public sex

Box 2155: I'm looking for guys to meet with for group sex. I like being fucked, I like guys juice all over my body, I'm willing to do anything. Or, I can be the bottom man.

Box 2209: Love loads of hot cum on my face and on my body, a nice big cock in my mouth, a big cook up my ass, maybe a wet pussy on my face, and my dick deep in a pussy. I'm looking for group scenes, male-male, male-female, I'm a masculine white male, clean, fit, discreet. I'm 34 years old, a nice thick 8" cut cock, looking to play. I'm hot, recently divorced, looking to play with hot couples, male-male, male-female-male.

Box 2180: I'm a young, 24 year old Native living in North Battleford Saskatchewan. I'm looking for a white young guy between, I don't know, 20-35 to go with. I'm single for the past 2 years. I lived in Edmonton previously but now I'm looking for more. I guess. Like to meet more people. Hopefully we can talk dirty. Oh, by the way, I'm not stupid. Just kidding.

Box 2025: I'm the Grant, calling from the Edmonton area. Little bit about me, I'm 5'9", 130lb, slim build, blond hair, blue eyes. I'm looking for a friend and a possible romance. I'm not into any freaky games or anything like that, I'm a pretty nice guy. Looking for a masculine dominant male, a little bit older than me, anywhere from 25-40.

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Box 2186: I'm a pretty young guy, 5'6", brown hair and eyes. I'm into cuddling somewhat. I'm into oral, body contact, kissing, anal. Can be a top or a bottom, prefer to be a bottom.

Box 2130: Attractive guy, 5'9", 155lb, really slim build, short hair, clean-cut look, nice tan, 6-1/2" cut, shaved cock and balls. Looking for another buddy who's looking to get hard, get naked, and have some fun.

Box 2248: My name is Michael. 5'10", 194lb, mid-30s, brown hair, blue eyes, moustaches, attractive very rugged and masculine. Muscular body, 48" chest, 32" waist, 18" arms, and a really nice, round, firm, tight ass. I am looking for a guy in his late 30-40s who's an aggressive dominant top guy who likes to put people where they want. I'm not really into any part, but smacking on the butt's cool, toys are cool. I like the

Box 2375: I'm a 35 year old transsexual. I'm friendly and cuddly, I love cuddling. I'm seeking someone between 30-40 years olds. Fit-looking, and who likes big fucks.

Box 2190: My name is Peter, I'm 27, 230lb, 6'. What I'm looking for is a guy or guys with nice a big cock who can show me things because I'm just beginning. I'm pretty much open to anything. I would like to be a bottom more than a top.

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Box 2107: I'm 28, 5'10", 160lb, light blond hair, very messy, blue eyes, slim, smooth, cute, white. I'm looking for a longterm loving relationship with someone who knows what they want out of life. If you give great hugs and love to cuddle as much as I do, we'll get along perfectly I think. Great sense of humour is a must. Sixty seconds isn't very long, interested in chatting, maybe going for a couple of beers or something.

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